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1. ALTHOUGH IVORY COAST NOT REPRESENTED AT CONAKRY MEETING, CONFI-
DENTIAL SOURCE IN GOIC NORMALLY IN GOOD POSITION TO KNOW CONFIRMS
THAT DECISION WAS TAKEN AT OAU DEFENSE COMMISSION MEETING TO MOUNT
MILITARY INVASION OF GUINEA-BISSAU. SOURCE SAID THAT TO HIS
KNOWLEDGE NO DECISIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN AS TO IMPLEMENTATION.
TO BEST OUR KNOWLEDGE NO PAIGC DELEGATION HAS BEEN THROUGH HERE
RECENTLY. FINALLY, HIGH FONMIN OFFICIAL WITH WHOM EMBOFF DISCUSSED
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AFRICAN LIBERATION FEB 6 VOLUNTEERED VIEW THAT AFRICAN MILITARY

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OPERATION AGAINST PORTUGUESE GUINEA, EVEN IF OAU SUCCEEDED
IN ORGANIZING ONE, WOULD NOT WIN.

2. LIKE PRESIDENT TOLBERT (REF B), HOUPHOUET-BOIGNY WOULD
BE EXTREMELY RELUCTANT TO SUPPORT SUCH A MILITARY OPERATION
WE CONCLUDE. HIS BELIEF IN DIALOGUE, IN PEACE FUL RESOLUTION,
IS SINCERELY HELD. IVORY COAST BELIEVES IT IS DOING ITS SHARE
BY CONTRIBUTING FAITHFULLY TO THE AFRICAN LIBERATION
FUND. TO MOVE FROM THIS SUPPORT OAU MILITARY STRIKE WOULD BE
TO MOVE INTO AGGRESSIVE ROLE WHICH WE CANNOT SEE CONSERVATIVE
HOUPHOUET PLAYING.
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